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Each of the documents cited in the International Search Report, which is a part of the published PCT application WO 2005/035409 A1, is listed on the PTO/SB/08a form.

Each of U.S. patent Nos. 5,236,188; 3,531,108; 4,811,641; 5,080,338; 6,612,213; 5,485,992 and 5,439,206 is in the English language. No discussion of these documents is believed to be required.

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FR 2,760,733 is accompanied by an English language abstract which was obtained from a commercial database.

DE 101 16 346 A1 is discussed in the specification of the subject application. It corresponds to U.S. patent No. 6,941,862 and to U.S. patent Application No. 2005/0248082. No discussion of those English language documents is required.

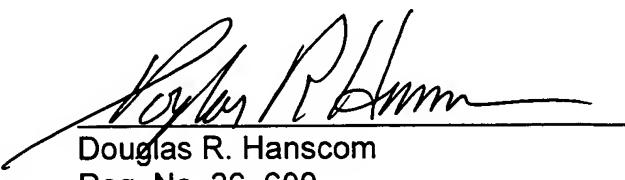
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Entry of these materials into the file of the subject U.S. patent application, and their consideration by the Examiner, is respectfully requested.

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